College Retirees Association
Newsletter

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President's Message

I hope you are all well and enjoyed your summers. With the College Retirees' Association, you can look forward to a year of interesting and entertaining meeting topics the board has planned. I encourage you to attend all our meetings. They are wonderful opportunities to renew old friendships, meet new people, and share your retirement experiences with others.

Thank you for supporting my candidacy for president. It will be a challenge to follow Shirley Sullivan who has served as a very effective leader for the past six years. With her and other board members ' assistance, I have already begun to transition into my new role. In addition, I would like to welcome Joanne Kelly, vice president, to our board.

Please feel free to contact me or other board members with your suggestions for activities and meeting topics. I look forward to serving as your CRA President for the next two years.

~~ Peggy Adams-King

Nancy's Notes

A gentle reminder to those who have not yet paid their dues for the current membership year. Please make note of it now and send a check made payable to PBSC CRA . See details in the **Reminders** section at the back of the newsletter.

In need of a College email address? Just send me an email at buhln@palmbeachstate.edu and I'll submit your name for one after verifying your personal email address and phone number.

A good way to spend a day indoors during hot or rainy weather is to check out the College's online archives. You can find a link for all our newsletters located within the archive by going to our page within the College's website at https://www.palmbeachstate.edu/CRA/ You will also find a link to our Flickr photo account that Jeff Novak has been maintaining for us for a number of years. Both are easy to find on our webpage. Wonderful memories come flooding in whenever I sit and scroll through those archives.

If you can identify anyone in the archive photos, please let Janet

At our luncheon meeting on April 25, 2025, our outgoing president, Shirley Sullivan, was presented with a certificate of appreciation by our new president, Peggy Adams-King. For six years Shirley served as president of the Palm Beach State College Retirees Association and we are most grateful to her for her

Thank You, Shirley, for 6 years as

In Memoria

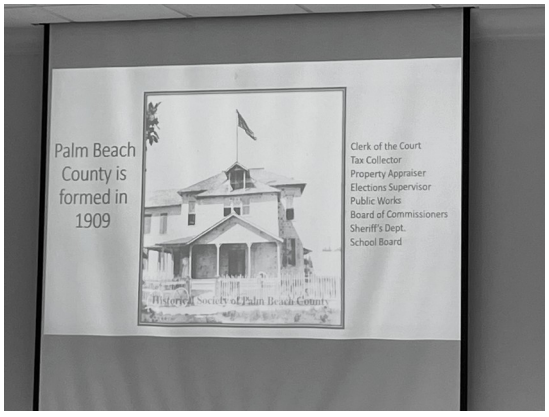
Jeanne Milesend	04/05/2025
George Tony Tate	04/13/2025
Mary Cannon	05/06/2025
Betty Jeanette Sanders	06/07/2025
Dr. Esther E. Berry	08/05/2025

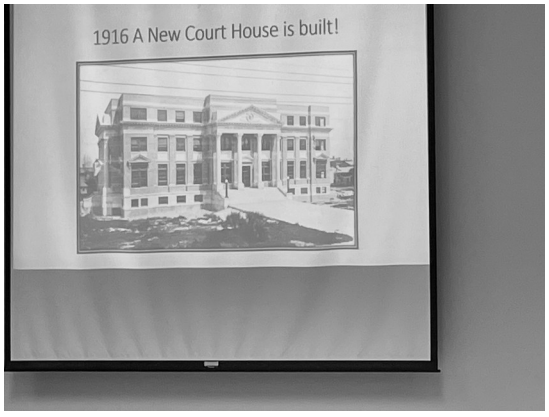
Dear Members, this space could have been yours to share your travel and family news with us as you see other members have done for this edition.

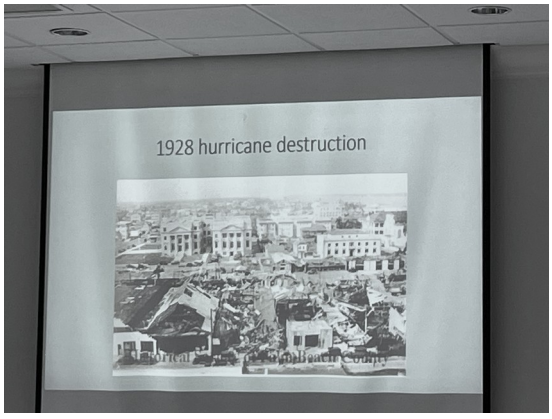
We look forward to hearing from YOU!

Meeting Highlights… April 25, 2025

Once again we are grateful for our own Michael McKeich, who delivered an in-depth and knowledgeable account on the history of the Palm Beach Court House. He curated a wonderful PowerPoint presentation which was not only informative, but a pleasure to watch. Michael is a fountain of information on the history of Palm Beach County and we thank him for sharing his



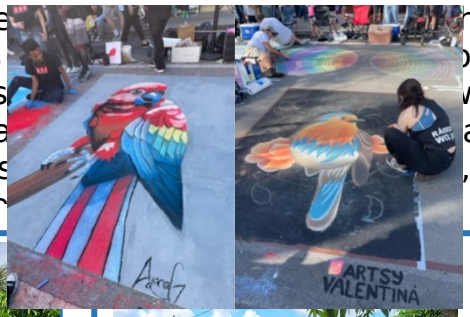


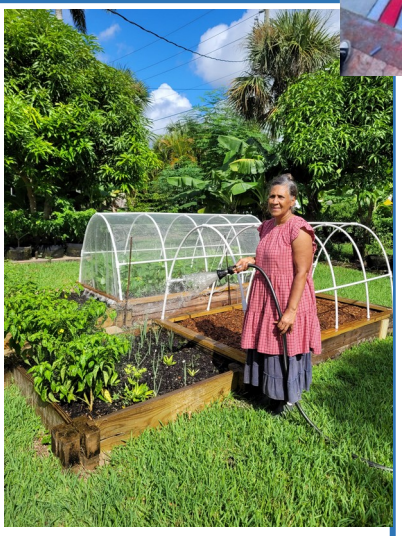


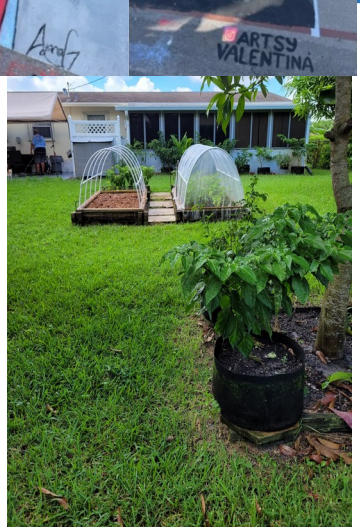
Members' Stories

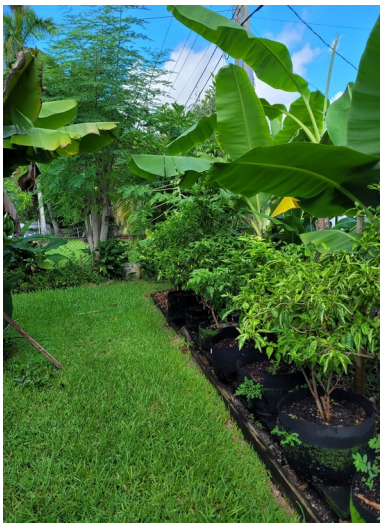
Claudette Grindley shares …

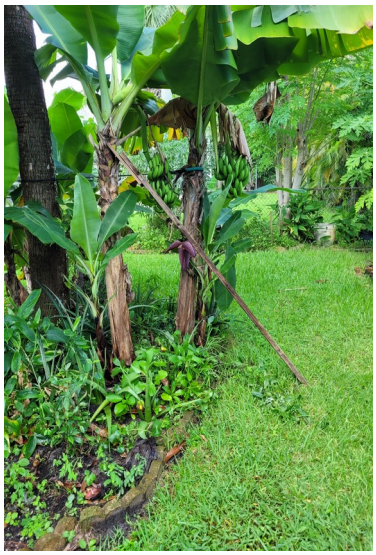
Retirement is a blessing! After I retired in December 2019 my life took on new meaning as I had the[illegible]nedule to do what my heart desired. Gardening is [illegible]o till the soil, to plant a seed, and to see the fruits [illegible]wers bloom all colors of the rainbow and the ma[illegible]as, and sweet soursops are ready to reap. It gives [illegible], friends and neighbors.
Blessings to my retire[illegible]

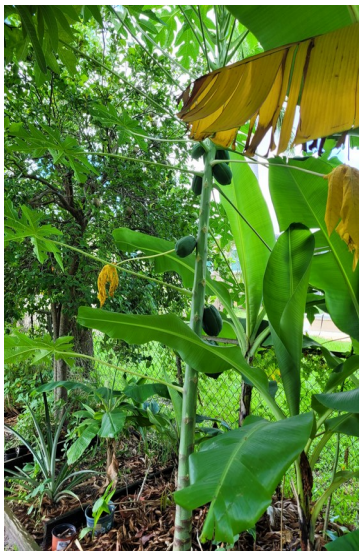


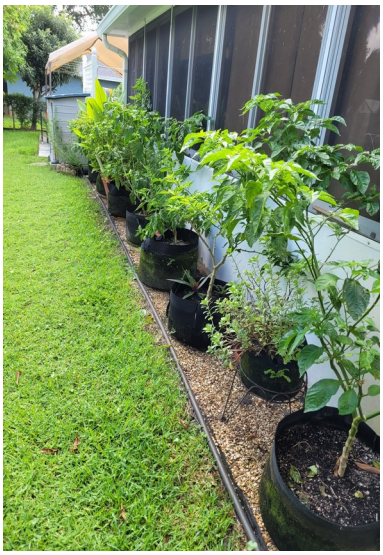












Members' Stories … *continued*

John Kinnen shares with us his epic adventure of a 133 day Antarctica to Arctic, Pole-to Pole Grand Voyage on board Holland America's MS Volendam, January – June 2025, during which he visited 68 ports, 28 countries, and 5 continents. We feature some of his favorite places here.1. Antarctica, 2. Rio de Janeiro, 3. Boca da Valera, Brazil (a small village off the Amazon river), 4. Paamiut, Frederikshab,

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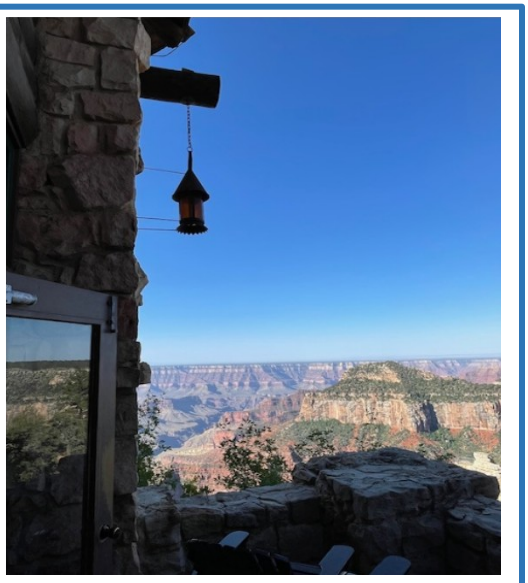
Members' Stories … *continued*

Peggy Adams-King shared with us her Summer travels . . .

After several years of virtually no travel, this summer I was fortunately able to take two very memorable trips. In May I went on a trip to Portugal with my college roommates. It was a very enjoyable, activity filled trip to Lisbon and areas south and west. I would highly recommend it as a very safe, friendly country.

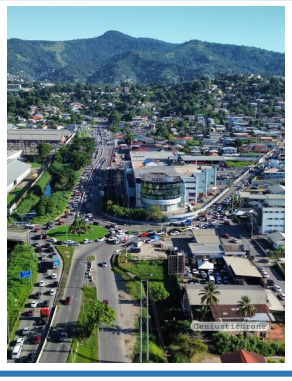
Sailing off the coast of

After having caught my breath, in June I traveled to the Southwest to visit Zion and Bryce National Parks and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. Three weeks after we returned home, a forest fire destroyed the buildings at the North Rim. It is difficult to believe that all of the structures are no longer there.



Members' Stories ... *continued*

At the age of five years old my family relocated to the island of Trinidad, a few miles off the coast of Venezuela and 10 degrees north of the equator. This twin island nation (Trinidad and Tobago) has a rich landscape of lush tropical forests, mountains, and sandy beaches on both shores - the Caribbean sea and the Atlantic Ocean. It was a beautiful place to grow up where in five minutes you can go from beach to valley to mountains. I eventually returned to the United States but I missed the landscape, so I have been visiting yearly since my retirement.
Here is a bit of the flavor of my current island sojourn.



Members' Stories ... *continued*

Nancy Buhl writes . . .

While driving through Muhlenberg Township near Reading, PA this past May, we came across this interesting tree that is new to the area since my last visit a couple years ago. I was told it was most likely an Ash tree that had died but not yet rotted. I researched the tree upon my return to Florida to learn more about it. A Mr. Tom Irwin had commissioned the artist, Mr. Randy Pielle to carve the tree in memory of his wife Tucker, as the plaque states, "Who loved all God's critters." The title of the tree is, "The Animals of the Wood" and it looks to me he did create all the critters that live in that wooded area along the Schuylkill River near Reading, PA

Precious Moments

We would like to encourage members to share the beautiful, touching, and tender moments of their retirement spent with family and friends, which make the years all the more precious.

To kick this column off is none other than our own Nancy Buhl who shares this precious moment with her first great grandchild, daughter to Austin and Lissa.

Avery Sage arrived on August 21 and is a happy addition to her family!

Congratulation to the entire family from the CRA community.

Welcome Avery Sage!

COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION (CRA)
MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2025

The meeting was held at Palm Beach State College – Central Campus.
Located in the President's Dining Room

The CRA President, Peggy Adams-King called the meeting to order.

CRA Officers:

President:	Peggy Adams-King
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A **Self-Introduction** of the members present.

A "Moment of Silence" due to the loss of members.

Presentation was by Michael McKeich on the The Original County Court House located downtown West Palm Beach Florida

The original County Court House was built in 1916. It is now called Palm Beach County Historical Courthouse.

It was designed by W.B Talley in the style of Neoclassical. The operation of the building was from 1916 thru 1994. At the time it was used for county government offices, records and a jail.

From 1916 when it was built many changes happened due to population expansion and in 1928 a hurricane wiped out the structure. In 1955 additions were added, in 1990 a wraparound side walk was placed, and in 2004 the old building was uncovered and the building was kept as it as you see it today.

It is now available for tours thru the Historical Society of Palm Beach.

Self-Serve Lunch was at 12:25pm

Next CRA Meeting will be on October 17, 2025.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

CRA Reminders

CRA Membership year: May 1 - April 30
Annual Dues: $15.00

Renewal is easy! Please send a check made out to **PBSC CRA.**
Send to: **Nancy Bhul**
730 West Rambling Drive
Wellington, FL 33414

You can also choose to bring your check with you to our annual spring luncheon in April.

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Please send us your retirement stories, experiences, and adventures.

Have you enjoyed a great vacation lately, or spent precious moments with family or friends? Have you started a new hobby or pursued a lifelong interest? Maybe you will like to share news about additions to your family, volunteer activities, or just a beautiful view of nature. Do you have any news at all that you wish to share? ***We would so love to hear from you and look forward to your submissions.***
Email your stories and pictures to: Diana Krause at Diana.Krause@ret.pbsc.edu

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She will submit your name for one after verifying your personal email address and phone number.

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